

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee "Sonny" Burcks, cherished residents of Charleston, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on June 26, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Charleston; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on May 30, 1954, Sonny Burcks and Carolyn Sue McDowell began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Joe Washburn in Steelville; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and caring husband who dutifully served his country in the Korean War, Mr. Burcks provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a meat cutter for forty years and stellar employee of Gates Rubber Company for six years, while somehow finding the time and energy for fishing with his grandchildren and drinking coffee with his friend, Leo Schott; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker who likes to garden, Mrs. Burcks enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a 4-H volunteer, member of the Bridges Extension Club, and employee of the Missouri State Crippled Children's Service, the Charleston R-I School District, and the Mississippi County Savings and Loan Association; and

**Whereas**, Sonny and Carolyn Burcks attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to come which include their three children, Vicki Lee Stark, Kathy Sue McGhee, and Dianne Lynn Switzer; the six grandchildren, Catherine, Stephen, Dan, Charles, John, and Brittany; and their six great-grandchildren, Abby, Ellie, Lillian, Hayden, Levi, and Saylor; and

**Whereas**, throughout their blissful union, Sonny and Carolyn Burcks have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Sonny and Carolyn Burcks upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee "Sonny" Burcks.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Lanie G. Black, III  
District No. 161

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker